

MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

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Both **JOHN MATHEWS** and **MAURICE HARP** looked for extra information about this query.

In the 1877, 1880 & 1883 London Directories the firm of Henry Halford & Co, Stock & Share Brokers were at 26 Change Alley, EC and George Ross & Co, Stock & Share Brokers were at 80 Cornhill, EC.

John adds - "that the two premises were not as far apart as John Nelson may have envisaged, for the street numbering in Cornhill started with 1 at Mansion House on the south side of the street and went to 60A at the southern corner of Gracechurch Street at the eastern end of Cornhill.

The numbering continued with 61 at the Northeast end of Cornhill and finished at 82 back at Mansion House. Change Alley came out onto Cornhill between 23 and 24 and also between 27 and 28 on the south side,

and 80 Cornhill was on the corner of Finch Lane, almost directly opposite the eastern access to Change Alley.

The Royal Exchange was between 80 and 81 Cornhill. At that time both firms were shown as "Stock & share brokers", and both were on a short list of such firms which were **NOT** members of the Stock Exchange. So it is quite possible that they had business dealings with each other.

I wonder if anyone can identify what the design stands for - the logo of one of the firms, or perhaps a general logo for this type of business".